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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 09/648 290

Filing Date: August 24, 2000

Title: OPERATING UNIT OF A VEHICLE HAVING AN AUTOMATIC BRAKING DEVICE

Inventor(s): Hiroyuki MAEDA

Group: 3661

Examiner: Broadhead

Please direct correspondence to the address associated with the following customer number:

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(FIRM)

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114
 - a. An amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____ was not entered. Please enter _____ before calculating the filing fee.
 - b. Enclosed is/are:
 - i. Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Acknowledgment Post Card
 - v. _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

b. _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

a. The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	() LG Entity	RATE SM Entity	(X) Fee
Basic RCE Fee			\$790.00	\$395.00	\$395.00
Total Claims	(26 - 22 = 4)		\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	100.00
Indep. Claims	(10 - 8 = 2)		\$200.00	\$100.00	200.00
[] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$360.00	+ \$180.00	
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *					\$ 695.00

b. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three month(s). The extension fee is:

\$ (37 CFR §1.17)

\$510.00 (37 CFR §1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).

c. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$ _____ (37 CFR §1.17(i)).

d. A check for \$1,205.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

e. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

f. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication or to

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: an attorney of record
 acting under 37 CFR §1.34.

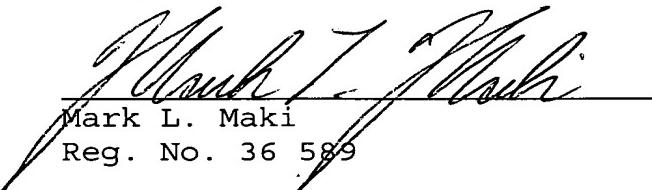
Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at
telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.

IN DUPLICATE

MLM/mag


Mark L. Maki

Reg. No. 36 589

Encl: Listed above

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